

ELDORADO TOOTING COMBAT

Whistles on Claims 16 and 17 Alternately Blown for 6 Hours.

Men Prayed, Women Wept, Children Had Hysterics and Dogs Fled the Country.

In the neighborhood of claims 16 and 17 on Eldorado the new year and century were ushered over the threshold of time in a manner which, if the residents of that section of Eldorado should live throughout the entire century, they will not forget.

Claim 16 is owned by Joe Putraw, while claim 17 is looked after for its owners by Tom Lloyd. On each claim is a steam thresher that on the latter being a very large machine with a whistle similar to that used on a German-Lloyd Atlantic liner. The whistle on the engine on 16 is not so large, but it is "Johnny on the spot" when it comes to doing business. The hour was midnight of December 31st, 1900. Another second passed and the engineer on 16 pulled the throttle string and with a long, piercing blast that verberated and reverberated o'er hill and vale, bade good morning to the new era of time.

Before the last notes of 16's whistle had ceased resounding up and down the creek and over the snow covered heights, 17 opened up with its deep-toned basso profundo. As the whistle had been put on only the day before, it was the first time it had been blown; and when it turned loose consternation reigned everywhere within a radius of four miles around claim 17. The very earth trembled. Some who had been bowling up the day previous mistook it for Gabriel's final reveille and began to pray; dogs ran howling to discarded prospect holes, jumped in and broke their necks; men kissed their wives for the first time in years and asked forgiveness for allowing them to split the wood. But when the mighty tumult subsided the situation became clear. It was only the new whistle on 17 welcoming the new century.

When 17 had quieted down, 16 blew a return and 17 again answered; 16 threw it back and then began the greatest whistling contest ever heard in the north. It was a case of "pull Dick, pull devil," as to which could hold out longest. It requires steam to whistle and lots of it to keep 17's big tooter's voice in proper pitch. All hands were put to firing up and wood disappeared within the great maw of the furnace like so much chaff. With the dying tones of every blast from 17 would come shrill and strong the piercing notes of 16. The war was on and to the longest-winded would belong the victory. For six long hours the battle waged. The residents of Eldorado tore up their bedding in quest of cotton with which to fill their ears; children had hysterics and wives got mad and said "I never did want to come to this country, anyhow;" men swore fierce oaths and talked about those on 16 and 17 doing long terms on royal wood piles for disturbing the peace.

About 6 o'clock in the morning 16 completed a prolonged blast of more than ordinary shrillness and waited for its neighbor to reply, but none came. The firemen on 17 were exhausted, wood was exhausted and the big whistle was still. It had been like a woman's quarrel in which each was determined to have the last word. The result was a victory for 16 but 17 has the honor of making the most noise while it was in the ring. A man who came to town today to seek legal redress for having his children scared into hysterics and his dogs run out of the country, says they whistled an even 100 rounds.

MONSTER PETITION.

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The all absorbing topic of city incorporation was introduced by a petition, which, though short in itself was very lengthy in its list of signers, there being several hundred names attached to it. The petition set forth that the signers did not believe as good a government could be provided under a municipality as is enjoyed under the present government, and therefore prayed that the council would take no action looking towards incorporation, and was practically a vote of confidence in the council. It was signed by a list of names covering nine or ten pages of type-written paper, and it is believed sounded the death-knell of incorporation so far as present action is concerned.

The report of the committee appoint-

ed to examine into the working and deserts of the Salvation Army, in view of the fact that that institution had asked for \$500 as assistance in their work of harboring and providing work for the destitute, showed that there are 13 inmates of the shelter who are being provided with work at \$5 per day, and that they pay the army 50 cents for meals and 25 cents for beds. This work is to saw wood.

After some discussion, during which it was said that the action of the council must not be taken as establishing a precedent, \$250 was voted for the purpose.

Many applications were on hand for the position of inspecting fines, and they were finally all referred to the committee on public works.

In the matter of investigating the manner in which mails are being handled, it was reported by the commissioner that the explanation of Mr. Pulham, of the C. D. Co., concerning delays earlier in the winter, went to show that there had been difficulty in getting the trail in condition, and that considerable trouble had been experienced in getting horses on the ground. Now, however, there are 17 mail stations between Dawson and Whitehorse and 23 head of horses, used exclusively in transporting mails. The explanation was deemed satisfactory and the charge was denied that any freight whatever had been hauled by mail teams.

Commissioner Ogilvie stated that the season had now come when it was desirable to begin laying the foundations for the new bridge across the Klondike, and he thought it advisable to call for tenders for supplying the timbers which are to enclose the two iron piers.

Considerable discussion was heard concerning the relative merits of contract and day labor in public work, and it was finally decided to call for tenders in the matter of timber and allow the actual construction work to remain open for further discussion.

The commissioner replied to two interrogations by Mr. Wilson, made at a previous meeting, one covering the present standing of the royalty question, and the other about what took Mr. Girouard to Ottawa. To the former question he said he hoped a little later to be in a position to report something, but that just now there was nothing. As to why the member referred to had gone to Ottawa he stated that Mr. Thomas O'Brien had represented to the government that by reason of the court orders growing out of the suit brought by the Nugget, he had been unable to collect tolls for a certain length of time on his tram road concession, and that thereby he had sustained a very heavy loss, and inasmuch as the order had eventually been reversed he thought he was entitled to reimbursement. Report after report on the matter has been forwarded, and the mails had failed to give the necessary relief sought, and consequently the council, not being of the belief that it owed Mr. O'Brien anything, it had been deemed advisable to send a member of the council to Ottawa to lay the matter before the government. In view of this statement it is interesting to call to mind the statement offered gratis by Mr. Girouard on the streets the morning he left, to the effect that such was not his mission.

A communication was read from the Liberal Association, asking that it be furnished with a list of the names of federal employees and their salaries. The communication stated that this request could not be complied with without the consent of the government, and a motion was made and carried to the effect that the matter be referred to the federal government.

After this came the feature of the evening; a passage at arms between Justice Dugas and Councilman Wilson. This grew out of the notice of a motion made by the latter at the last meeting, and resulted in victory for the justice.

The preamble and somewhat ambiguous wording of the notice was what caused the difference of opinion, the older member believing that the preamble contained a slur on the government, and resenting it accordingly.

The motion contained a resolution which, briefly stated, was to the effect that all employees of the territorial government receive not less than \$5 per day with board for their services, and the preamble set forth that the government had set a bad example to corporations and others in the matter of putting wages under the prevailing standard. It also set forth the fact that wages had been reduced out of keeping with the comparative cost of living, and that if this condition continued it would result in forcing labor to organize to resist the encroachments of capital.

After Justice Dugas had asked what the resolution really meant, and pointed out the slur on the government, and denied the charges concerning the

reduction of wages, Mr. Wilson said it seemed plain enough to him what the resolution meant, and so far as the preamble was concerned, well, it was only a preamble anyway, and cut no figure.

"It cuts a figure here, sir," replied Justice Dugas, "because we want to understand you. Does that resolution mean that the territorial government is to pay those wages, or that everyone will have to?"

"Certainly it only means that the government is to pay that, and in so doing to set an example to others and acknowledge the justice of it by so doing."

"Do you withdraw the rest of it? If so we can discuss the matter."

Mr. Wilson said he would withdraw the rest of it, in fact he would do anything he could and take anything he could get at the hands of the council, and wanted it generally understood that he had no notion of running the council. After that the bird of peace once more went to roost and harmony reigned again, and further discussion was postponed.

Mr. Wilson wanted to know if it would not be well for the council to meet fortnightly instead of weekly and have longer sessions, and the commissioner replied that owing to the fact that the only available place at present in which public meetings could be held was the courthouse, and as many of the members of the council were officials who had other and imperative duties to perform, which would render it impossible to hold prolonged meetings. Later, however, it was his opinion that the constitution would have to be amended in such a way as to admit of the council's meeting once or twice a year, and the work in the interim being done by committees empowered to act.

The meeting then adjourned till the next regular meeting night.

Died of Pneumonia.

Two deaths occurred at St. Mary's hospital yesterday.

Charles Gustison crossed the great divide at about 9 o'clock yesterday morning, after a short illness. He was 25 years of age and a native of South Dakota.

D. C. Sadlemyer, a native of California and a resident of Los Gatos in that state, died last evening. Deceased was 54 years of age. So far as known neither had any relatives in this country. Both deaths were the result of pneumonia.

Optician's Latin.

Hiram had returned home from college, where he had won high honors as a student of the ancient languages, but he "fell down" one day when his sister, a demure young girl in her teens, asked him to translate a sign she had seen in front of an optician's office which read thus:

CON SULTU SABO UTYO UREY ES.

Hiram struggled manfully with it for several minutes and gave it up. "It isn't good Latin," he said. "There are some words in it that are Latin, but the others are either wrong in termination or are barbarisms from other languages, and, taken as a whole, it doesn't make sense."

"That is what I said," rejoined his sister, "but Keturah, out in the kitchen, translates it without any trouble. She says it means, 'Consult us about your eyes.'"

Whereupon Hiram collapsed.—Youth's Companion.

By Presence of Mind.

At Shields, England, recently a curious accident occurred. A passenger was riding on a double deck electrical car, and a single deck car passed in the opposite direction. The rope of the trolley boom of the latter was flying in the wind, and it wound itself around the passenger's neck. Fortunately he had the presence of mind to seize the rope with both hands and release himself or he would probably have been pulled from the car.

For Rent.

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Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer-Drug Store.

Notice.

Miss B. V. Robson can learn something to her advantage by calling at the Nugget office.

The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.

Try Cascade Laundry for high-class work at reduced prices.

COMING AND GOING.

Jimmie Johnson and Alex Swartz began a ten game bowling contest this evening for a purse of \$100 and a side bet of \$500.

There will be a hockey game tomorrow night between the clubs of the Canadian Bank of Commerce and Civil Service.

Since Commissioner Ogilvie took office he has received upwards of 40,000 letters nearly all of which have been answered.

George St. Cyr was up to plead and elect in the territorial court this morning. He pleaded not guilty and elected to be tried by a jury.

B. F. Germain was before the territorial court this morning to plead to a charge of theft. He pleaded not guilty and the case will be tried before a jury.

Two four-horse teams, bringing six sleighs loaded with freight, arrived from up river yesterday. The freight went to Lancaster & Calderhead's warehouses on Fourth street.

Mrs. Major Wood has been confined to her bed by a severe cold for several days past. The major is nearly recovered from his recent illness but is still confined to the house by his physician's orders.

The resolution signed by the five gentlemen which was referred to in the Nugget of yesterday as being an anti-

trust resolution, went beyond that. The first one of the five who takes a drink forfeits \$250.

J. M. Bloom, who left here three weeks ago for Grace creek, a tributary of Jack Wade creek, returned yesterday. The party are said to have had a good trip even though they camped, slept and ate in the open air during the entire time. Mr. Bloom is very favorably impressed with what he saw of the country.

Attorney George K. French well known in Dawson, arrived with a party from Eagle City last evening, and reports the trail in fine condition. The party came with a dog team, and made the run in two days. There have been no new strikes in that district during the fall or winter, but Mr. French speaks of that section generally as enjoying general prosperity and a steady healthy growth.

Turkeys and Meat.

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